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RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 2, 2002, please consider the following remarks. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the application.

AMENDMENTS

What is claimed is:

1. (original) A composition for the treatment of pigmentation disorders comprising:  
  
hydroquinone; and  
  
a cationic salt of acidic ascorbyl esters,  
  
said composition having a pH of about 5.5 to about 8.0.
2. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the pH is about 5.5 to about 7.5.
3. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the pH is about 6.0 to about 7.5.
4. (original) The composition of claim 1 wherein the hydroquinone is present in about 1 to about 12 %.